

**Milford Conservation Commission****Meeting Agenda May 14, 2015****7:00pm BOS meeting room**

**Present:** Members: Andy Hughes, acting Chair; Janet Urquhart. Excused: Audrey Fraizer, Chair; Andy Seale, Hub Seward, Kim Rimalover. Alternates: Eric Radloff, Greg Boggis, Chris Costantino. Excused: Rodney Dellafelice Prospective member: Steve Erdody

**Approval of April 9 Meeting Minutes** On a motion by JUrquhart, seconded by ERadloff, the members unanimously approved the April 9 meeting minutes

**Appointments**

**7:15** Rick Riendeau, DPW director, to present plan for the installation of a beaver flow device and repair of the washout of the service road at Brox.

See below #3 for description.

**7:45** Josh Smith, Eagle Scout Candidate with a proposal to construct a trail based on the solar system.

Josh would like to use an existing trail to lay out a Solar System trail. He will create signage for each planet in the system, located to scale along the trail. He hopes to use the Oval as the sun as the reference for the location of the planet signs. The signs will be made of Corian with the lettering etched into the material. This is an idea conceived by a former resident of Milford who died. His wife approached the Scout troop to see if anyone would like to continue this man's work. Josh intends to complete this man's dream. The commission accepted Josh's idea and plan. AHughes signed the appropriate paperwork designating the commission as the beneficiary of the project.

Item	Discussion	Who Will Do What
1. 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday hike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>April 25 at Beaver Brook – AFraizer will report</li><li>May hike at Rail Trail on May 23. Neither GBoggis, ERadloff, AHughes, JUrquhart nor CCostantino can lead.</li></ul>	CCostantino will contact the rest of the members for a hike leader.
2. June meeting	AHughes will take the minutes since CCostantino will be away	
3. Brox service road culvert repair project	<p>Rick Riendeau presented his plan for the repair of the service road on the eastern edge of the Brox property. Fred Elkind (town Stormwater Coordinator) was also present.</p> <p>Rick hopes to have Skip Lisle, of Beaver Deceivers International lead the project using DPW crew for labor and support. They will install 3x15" pipes into the 60" culvert. There will be a stone ford with geotech fabric reinforcement to handle emergency flooding issues.</p> <p>Commission members had made a site visit to the location. On the whole, the commission understands the need for the project, but not the haste for the execution of the project.</p> <p>AHughes asked at what level the pond height would be set with the Deceiver installation. Fred Elkind responded that it should be approximately 2" below the current level.; but is dependent upon Skip Lisle's assessment of the need to protect the culvert.</p>	CCostantino will call Skip to verify that he is to pick out his lumber and bring the necessary hardware. DPW will provide the 6" 4-guage mesh.

	There were comments from the public who attended the meeting concerning the haste of the project, the possible impact of water released on downstream properties and the wildlife dependent upon constant water levels, and the litter at the property.	
4. Trails Committee	Earth Day cleanup by MHS students on April 18 – AFraizer was excused from the meeting. This will be tabled until the June meeting.	
5. Host an event -	Trails Expo/Health Fair – Nancy Amato was contacted. She is interested in a joint event but will not return from Florida until May 15	CCostantino will contact Nancy Amato
6. P&P Manual – Water Resources Chapter	The revised version of the Water Resources Chapter was unanimously accepted on a motion by Andy H seconded by ERadloff	
7. Grant writing training session hosted by NHACC on May 12	CCostantino attended. Yvonne Beran, a volunteer for the commission on a number of projects, attended the training session as well. She hopes to write grants on behalf of the commission. In light of this, on a motion by JUrquhart, seconded by GBoggis, the commission will reimburse Yvonne's registration fee of \$25.00. Andrew Hughes recused himself from this discussion and vote since Yvonne Beran is his wife.	
8. Site walk Reports	<u>Capron Rd/ site walk review and sign expedited wetlands permit application:</u> Members of the commission attended the site visit at Capron Road on April 30. Based on their report and verbal discussion tonight, a motion was made by GBoggis, seconded by ERadloff, to sign the Expedited Wetlands Permit application for Wetlands Crossing #1 as detailed on the Site Plan for East Ridge Apartments Map 43 Lots 55 & 57 revised 4/9/2-15. The motion was approved unanimously. <u>Brox site walk review.</u> The commission members visited the site of the culvert repair on the eastern section of the service road at Brox. Discussion posted in Item #3	

End televised portion of the meeting – 8:05pm

<p>A. Interdepartmental Review</p>	<p><u>Open Space easement</u> for West Meadows/Raisen discussion  The members had concerns about 2 items in the Warranty Deed for West Meadows Estates Open Space Easement.  #7 should be changed to read, <b><i>“Public use in the easement is limited to the pedestrian trail(s) as defined in #6”.</i></b>  #10 in the second paragraph reserves the right to alter the terrain, etc. The members are concerned that this could allow unacceptable uses. They asked CCostantino to ask Fred for an explanation for the acceptability of this reserved right.</p> <hr/> <p><u>Capron Road wetland expedited permit</u> – Based on their report and verbal discussion tonight, a motion was made by GBoggis, seconded by ERadloff, to sign the Expedited Wetlands Permit application for Wetlands Crossing #1 as detailed on the Site Plan for East Ridge Apartments Map 43 Lots 55 &amp; 57 revised 4/9/2-15. It was approved unanimously.</p>	<p>CCostantino to ask Fred for a written explanation for the Reserved Right #10</p> <hr/> <p>CCostantino will ask Rick Riendeau for the last check of the culvert that goes under Capron Road. ERadloff remembers flooding there in the past.</p>
<p>B. Pipeline Update/discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternate routes discussion with planning board?</li> <li>• Use rail trail in exchange for upgrades to the trail? – the members think that this is a horrible idea and would not encourage anyone to consider it as a viable option.</li> </ul>	
<p>C. Future Work Session Date</p>	<p><b>Work session scheduled for May 28 at 7:00pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mile Slip Easement</li> <li>• Beaver Policy</li> <li>• Conservation Plan</li> <li>• Open Space Conservation Ordinance Review - Jodie would like to have a “final-ish” version to present to the PB on July 21. She would like to have a 4 member committee to work on it – 2 from the concomm, herself and one other from the PB. She would like me to be one of the 2 from the concomm since I am the most available. She proposes meeting (which can be done by email) on a weekly basis to work on what we have already presented to the PB starting in 2011.</li> </ul> <p>Neither AHughes, ERadloff, GBoggis nor JUrquhart can participate on this subcommittee. Two members of the Planning Board will participate in this subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy and Procedure Review – Membership Chapter review and update as needed.</li> </ul>	<p>CCostantino will send reminder of May 28 work session.</p> <p>CCostantino will consolidate the comments from previous commission member reviews of the OSCD overlay and incorporate them in a useable draft. HSeward has submitted suggested wording for the Ownership/Management section of the Ordinance.</p> <p>CCostantino will check for availability of AFraizer, Hub, Kim or Andy S to be another person on this subcommittee.</p>

D. Other	Steve Erdody attended the meeting as a prospective member. He is the trail manager for Mile Slip Town Forest. He asked that the commission consider helping the Wilton Wanderers Snowmobile Club financially with the club's construction and installation of 4 gates at Mile Slip. The members unanimously approved a motion by JUrquhart, seconded by AHughes, to contribute \$400.00 from the Land Maintenance budget line, to help pay for the construction and installation of gates at Mile Slip Town Forest. The WW snowmobile club is applying for a Trails Bureau grant to improve the trails at Mile Slip. The grant will not cover the cost of the gates.	
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**Adjourned at 9:25pm**

**Next Regular Meeting – June 11, 2015 @ 7PM, Selectmen's Meeting Room.**

**Meeting schedule for 2015:** Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 7, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug13, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.

*The order and matters of this meeting are subject to change without further notice.*